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1. PROFESSOR WAHL COMPLETED A BUSY AND UNUSUALLY PRODUCTIVE TWO-DAY PROGRAM IN ABIDJAN DECEMBER 16-18. IN ONE AND A HALF DAYS DR WAHL GAVE TALKS FOLLOWED BY Q&A TO ABOUT 1) 80 FACULTY OF LAW STUDENTS; 2) 50 MEMBERS OF FACULTY, STUDENT BODY AND JOURNALISTS OF THE TV SCHOOL; 3) 100 ENA GRADUATING STUDENTS. HE ALSO TAPED TV INTERVIEW WHICH WAS AIRED SAME EVENING ON PRIME TIME NEWSCAST AND WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR. AMONG OTHER IVORIAN GUESTS WERE PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR GOVERNOR GUY NAIRAY, DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT FONOFF MINISTRY AMBASSADOR KANIE AND IVORIAN POET AND PLAYWRIGHT BERNARD DADIE.

2. WAHL HIGHLY ARTICULATE AND WELL-INFORMED, ADAPTED
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TO ALL AUDIENCES EASILY, ESTABLISHED RAPPORT QUICKLY, HANDLED QUESTIONS EXPERTLY. HE WAS RELEASED WITH OBVIOUS RELUCTANCE BY LECTURE AUDIENCES, ALL OF WHOM KEPT HIM OVERTIME WITH STEADY STREAM OF QUESTIONS, UNTIL HE OBLIGED BREAK OFF IN ORDER HONOR SUBSEQUENT ENGAGEMENTS.

3. WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HAVE SO ACCOMPLISHED A
VISITING SPECIALIST AS NICK WAHL AND HPE THAT A RETURN
ENGAGEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE NEXT YEAR WHEN WE UNDERSTAND
HE WILL BE SPENDING HIS SABBATICAL IN FRANCE.
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